THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government of Ukraine has responded positively and a fresh decree was issued on 10th June, 1993 in accordance with which all foreign citizens in Ukrainian educational establishments who were admitted for study till 1992 will be allowed to finish their educatioin "according to previous conditions". Goverment of India has thanked Ukraine for this gesture of friendship and co-operation.

Induction of Arab Volunteers in Kashmir

1092. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan is trying to induct about 5,000 Arab volunteers in the Kashmir Valley;

(b) what preventive measures have been taken by Goverment to meet the situation; and

(c) whether the matter has also been taken up with the Pakistan Goverment in this regard, if so, what is their reaction and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Goverment are aware that nationals of certain foreign conutries are attempting to cross over into J&K from Pakistan. Security forces are on full alert with regard to this situation.

(c) Goverment have, on several occasions and at various levels, urged Pakistan to stop its support and encouragement to terrorism directed against India including infiltration of armed militants into J&K.

Regrettably, Pakistan's support to such subversive activities continues unabated.

Military Built up on Indian side of Border

1093. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the recent visit to the sub-continent of the U. S. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of South Asia Affairs, Mr. John R. Malott, report of alleged military build up on Indian side of the international border and the line of control appeared in Pakistani Press;

(b) if so, what were the Pak allegations in this regard; and

(c) what was Goverment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) and (b) Goverment have seen reports in the Pak media during the month of May, 1993 alleging concentration and additional deployment of troops by India on the border and Line of Control.

(c) Government have clarified that these media reports were incorrect and have reiterated our commitment to the agreement between Inida and Pakistan on Advance Notice of Military Exercises and Manoeuvres signed on 6th April, 1991.

Violation of Human rights

1094. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment's attention has been drawn to the report in the Times of India dated June 18, 1993 to the effect that U. S. House of Representatives has unanimously adopted an amendment to the U. S. Foreigh Operations Appropriation Bill, which by implication censured India for alleged violation of Human Rights and urged New Delhi to improve the situation in Punjab, Kashmir and Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on the same day the US Congress decisively turned down a controversial amendment (to the S. Foreign Aid Bill) seeking to deny India America's Development Assistance of 41 million in the current fiscal year; and

(c) if so, what is the Goverment's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes Sir. The amendment was not India-specific since it approved a cut of US $ 4.1 million from the total allocation, although the debate focussed on human rights issues in India;

(b) Yes Sir.